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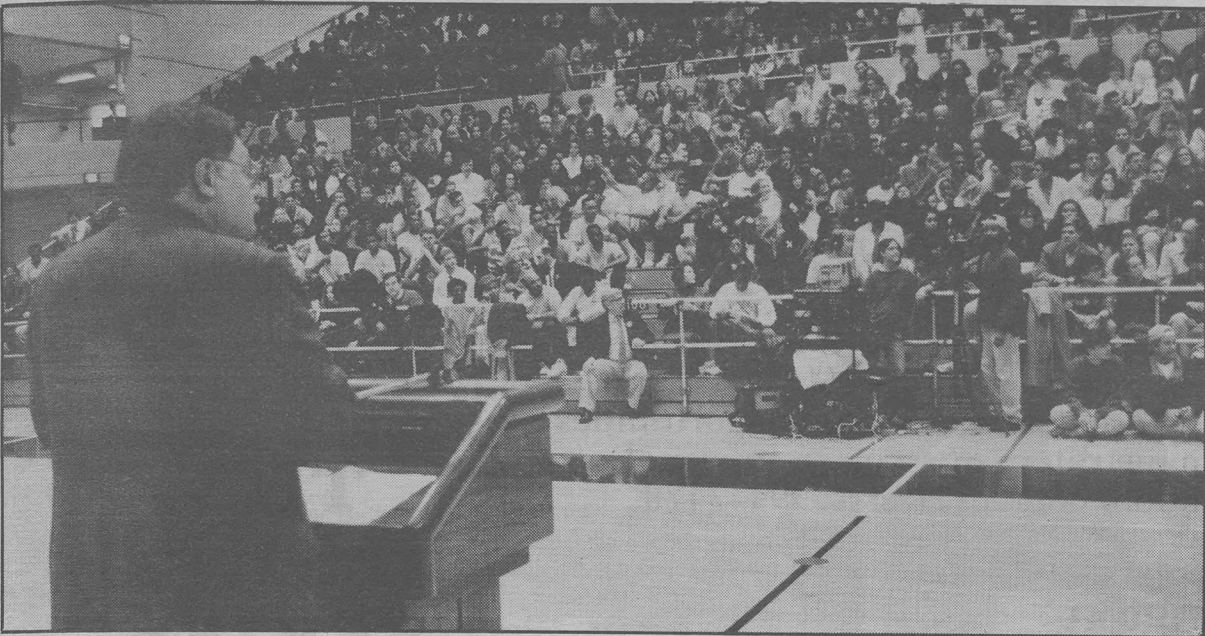
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STUDENTS AND FACULTY LISTEN to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg at a special Unity Week assembly in the Smith Center Monday. For more Unity Week stories, see p. 8.

GW tries to clear air of racial slur

by Paul Connolly

Senior News Editor

Turnout was high for Monday's special convocation held at the Smith Center for GW faculty and students to voice their feelings about former Student Association President Mike Musante's use of a racial epithet at a staff meeting.

At the event kicking off Unity Week, GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said when he first came to GW he hoped the campus could be "triumphantly multiracial," but the events of last week were painful. "The heart of our campus has been very hurt . . . scarred," he said to about 2,800 people who attended the hour-long assembly. All classes were canceled during that

time.

Musante also spoke at the assembly, reiterating his apologies to the University community. "I stand before you today in an attempt to begin to (earn) your forgiveness . . . the remark I made was inexcusable," he said of his reference to election opponent Will Griffin as "that nigger."

Musante said he will be "attending and playing an integral part in" Program Board's Unity Week activities. He asked GW to "help me grow as an individual as I attempt to make up for what I have done."

"The word 'nigger' reminds us all . . . of an America we wish had never been. In a six-letter word, there is bloodshed, pain, tears and hatred," Black Peoples'

Union President Kelvin Glover said. The main problem at GW, Glover said, is a lack of education.

He proposed two points for GW to solve this: reviewing the curriculum and training and preparing faculty and administrators for a diverse campus. "Education is the answer to ignorance," he said to a cheering crowd.

PB Vice Chair Jenn Wass said she was proud the University is dealing with the issue of racism and diversity rather than the specific incident. "Discrimination is a sickness in society which only you can cure on an individual level," she said.

Last year's SA President Kyle Farnbry called upon other black students to stop calling each other "niggers" because it makes the word seem acceptable to others. He said when whites are behind closed doors, blacks become "niggers."

Elliott School of International Affairs Professor Ronald Palmer said we must realize that our acts have consequences. He urged the community to come together. "There are wounds to heal. There is unity to achieve. We have choices between doing the right thing and the wrong thing," he said.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance President Steve Raiche stood before the crowd and said, "I am a racist." He said people must look inward and evaluate themselves. "I challenge you to look at yourself. When was the last time you called your friend a fag, a JAP, or a bitch? Look at the impact of those words around you and ask yourself, 'Why am I using these words?'" he said.

PB International Cultural Affairs chair Suzanne Couming said people should not ostracize those who make racist comments. GW must "foster an atmosphere where views are not suppressed . . . which is comfortable for those who express themselves, so that we can all learn from each other," she said.

Couming said there were three ways GW should handle diversity: accept those who are different from ourselves, create a climate to express views and lead by example.

SA president names replacement cabinet

by Sari Marvel

Senior Staff Writer

Former Student Association Vice President for Judicial and Legislative Affairs James Arsenault was approved as the new SA executive vice president at a special senate meeting Wednesday night in the Marvin Center Ballroom.

Former SA EVP and newly-appointed SA President Jon Tarnow suggested to the senate Arsenault as a candidate because he is "someone who I trust and hold confidence in and he has a grasp for the issues as well as the ability to remain unbiased." Tarnow urged the senate to vote on this issue at the meeting so the transition could proceed.

Arsenault replaces Tarnow who has assumed the position of SA president after former SA President Mike Musante resigned last week after he admitted to using a racial slur.

Arsenault is a senior who has served in the SA for one and one-half years. Last year, he was deputy associate counsel under the SA department of Judicial and Legislative Affairs.

Arsenault said his goal as the new EVP is to move forward with the work the senate has already started on issues ranging from campus security to academic dishonesty.

"To be successful requires the guidance and acceptance from each and every one of you. We need to build on our past successes and learn from our past mistakes. In the words of Winston Churchill, I dedicate my blood, tears, toil and sweat to this position," he said at the two-hour meeting.

Elliott School of International Affairs Sen. Jason Schwartz said Arsenault is "highly qualified and will do a good job. I am confident in his and Jon's leadership ability," he said.

Tarnow also announced several resignations. Musante's former Chief of Staff Bill Baroni resigned. Tarnow said he will eliminate this position from his cabinet because he said he believes in the style of "hands-on management."

Ken Egan, vice president for undergraduate student policy, and Christopher Honorio, a judge on the Student Court, also have resigned. Tarnow said he will begin to look for replacements for these positions. Senate secretary Julie Epstein resigned her position as well.

Tarnow said he felt the crisis stage the SA and the University have entered ended Wednesday. "We need the student body's trust and confidence. We need to bring the community together again and move forward tonight. It's what the student's deserve," he said.

The senate will resume its normal schedule with the next full senate meeting Nov. 10.

Democrats triumph in District elections

by David Cogan

Hatchet Reporter

The District of Columbia gave a resounding victory to the Democratic candidates and liberal causes on Election Day, as it looks toward its anticipated statehood status.

President-elect Bill Clinton carried Washington, D.C. where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans 10 to one. Clinton won 85 percent of the vote in the District, George Bush won nine percent and Ross Perot won four percent.

Record turnouts, characterized throughout the nation, were also seen in the District. Polling places were packed, with some people waiting in lines for

more than two hours to cast their ballots. Discontent and anger, coupled with good weather, made for a large turnout.

One of the most heated battles in the District was the death penalty measure. Controversy surrounded the measure because it was put on the ballot by Congress, at a time when the District wants autonomy from congressional oversight. Many community and religious leaders spoke out against the measure. These attitudes shined through when the measure was defeated by an almost two to one margin.

The other ballot initiative called for campaign finance reform. This would

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Faculty, student body call for curriculum to include diversity, multiculturalism

by Elissa Leibowitz

Asst. News Editor

Students and staff are calling for required cultural diversity classes and training across the board following the schoolwide assembly in the Smith Center Monday.

In panel discussions in the Marvin Center following the speeches, members of the community said the University needs more diversity training for staff members and required courses for students. New Student Association President Jon Tarnow asked students "what we as a community can do to overcome the problem once and for all."

Senior Meredith Rasch said the University should implement required courses for students. "The only way to get to the population is to make requirements. I know this school doesn't have a problem with requirements because I'm a senior and I'm still trying to fulfill them as well," she said.

SA Director of Minority Affairs Shawna Wilson agreed with Black Peoples' Union President Kelvin Glover, who said at the Convocation that the University needs to revamp its current curriculum. "We are

taught American history and European history that is white washed," she said. "(In these studies) we overlook the contributions of (those besides) nonwhite males," she said.

Other comparable schools such as University of Michigan and Stanford University have required classes dealing with multicultural diversity, second-year law student Darius Withers said. "There are tangible, reasonable arguments why multicultural classes are necessary. You can't always subscribe to a 1950s base in society," he said. "The argument (implementing a required course) can't be done is not valid."

The panel participants said they firmly believe one class, however, is not the solution. Associate Professor of English Dan Moshenberg said if the University "pooled courses" dealing with diversity issues, including the proposed African studies program, it could have a "floating major." Such a program would separate GW from other schools which have "dipped their toes in the water and shivered" in terms of diversity courses.

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Board denies church D.C. historic status

by Michelle Dixon

Hatchet Staff Writer

The D.C. Historic Review Board voted five to four to deny the Foggy Bottom Association's application to have the Western Presbyterian Church declared a historic landmark, FBA President Chris Lamb said.

Since last year the International Monetary Fund — located at 700 19th St. — has tried to move the church and its kitchen for the homeless — Miriam's Kitchen — from its current location at 19th and H streets to 24th and G streets, according to a recent article in The Rock Creek Current.

The IMF has proposed to pay \$10 million to move the church brick by brick and will add an additional \$4 million endowment.

Miriam's Kitchen would be moved with its church headquarters to a residential neighborhood, where many people said they fear the presence of the homeless would present danger to the community.

In September 1991, the Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission passed a resolution opposing the movement of Miriam's Kitchen and the church, stating the move would jeopardize the safety of the new neighborhood's residents. It also said the church's current location provided a green space in an otherwise "office building" district. The presence of the IMF nearby provided security for neighboring people when the homeless came to be fed, residents said.

The FBA had tried to have the church declared a historic landmark in hopes that D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly would allow the church to stay, Lamb said. "We were trying to landmark the church in the D.C. historic register, and it was not successful," he added.

Even if the Western Presbyterian Church had been declared a historic landmark, Lamb said, the IMF could have petitioned the mayor's agent and had the church relocated anyway.

Lamb said the FBA had researched last year into the 1969 and 1980 zoning commission's decision approving construction of IMF headquarters, because the decision appeared to indicate that the church and the adjacent park were forever to remain a public amenity.

However, Lamb said, they found that only the park and not the church was to be kept forever.

In order for the church to be moved the D.C. City Council must close the alley behind the church, Lam said. The Council has not yet taken up the alley closing — the only thing preventing the removal of the church, he noted. "The D.C. City Council has to take up the alley closing now," he said.

According to Beatrix Fields, a committee clerk for the D.C. Council's Council of Economic Development, the CED will have a public hearing concerning the alley closing, and the council members will then decide what action to take. The date of the hearing has not been determined.

According to an IMF employee, the church will definitely be relocated, "and that we are certain of," she said.

Unfortunately, many residents are still wary of the move, Lamb said. Mary Healy, a Foggy Bottom resident who lives next to the church said, "I don't have a problem with the relocation of the church per se, but I do have a problem with the homeless feeding in a heavily residential neighborhood," she said.

Healy added that the new location was adjacent to a senior citizen's residence. She said she feared the presence of the homeless would prevent the senior citizens from leaving their homes. "They say that the homeless will only come for meals, but, you know, I don't believe that."

Student Accounts corrects error

by Sean Rockhold

Hatchet Staff Writer

An error in the Office of Student Accounts which caused about 800 students to be overcharged \$300 on their fall semester bills has been corrected, University Comptroller Ralph Olmo said.

However, according to Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak, that problem was only one of several which continue to plague the University's new BANNER computer system.

The \$300 error occurred when about 800 students' on-campus housing deposits were not credited to their fall semester bills, Olmo said. He explained that this happened because of a capability in the software for the new BANNER computer system. The software created a switch which must be turned on for the system to automatically credit the housing deposits to students' accounts upon registration.

"I thought there was no reason why we needed this capability," he said. "We're going to prevent this in

the future by eliminating this capability."

He added that all of the students affected by this problem have been identified and their accounts have been credited.

But Chernak said a "significantly long list" of problems exist and Systems in Computer Technology — the company which installed the system — will correct them by January.

Chernak claims the system has

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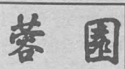
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Baby talk

A federal appeals court repealed President Bush's gag rule prohibiting non-doctors from discussing abortion with patients at federally funded clinics, effective immediately. While the court struck down the rule for Bush's failure to follow proper implementation procedure, its decision restores a necessary function to the clinics which is unlikely to be questioned again under the incoming Clinton administration.

Bush's gag rule withdrew funding from clinics in which nurse practitioners discussed the option of abortion with patients as evidence of the president's pro-life stance. In doing so, however, Bush did not reduce the number of abortions performed in this country. In fact, he ran the risk of doing the opposite. It is incredibly naive, and largely irresponsible, to think that banning discussion of abortion would stop its practice in this country.

Just because the clinics cannot talk about abortion does not mean women will not consider the option, they will only consider it without being educated. The gag rule simply left more low-income women without all of the available information on all of the options during pregnancy. Bush's gag rule was merely a political mirage. Informed discussion of abortions could just as easily deter women from having abortions as it could encourage them.

Bush's gag rule also treaded the line of legitimacy. Abortion is currently legal in this country. Even the conservatively-stacked Supreme Court upheld this right this summer, although narrowly. With the expected changes in the Court during Clinton's administration, *Roe v. Wade* should remain secure. A president's personal political feeling should not be more pertinent than the laws of this country. The gag rule bordered on just this.

The gag rule was ill-conceived from its beginning. The solution to any problem is never ignorance. If President Bush were truly concerned about the women and children of this country he would have allowed all women to know all of the options. His hand has now been forced. The court's ruling repealing it immediately is a breath of fresh air.

If it ain't broke . . .

Some faculty have proposed to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg a switch from the current five-class, three-credit system to the four-class, four-credit system some other schools use. Trachtenberg, wisely, has not fully supported the idea. The current system allows more flexibility of study and a greater base of information to the students. Any change would be to the detriment of an overall education.

Proponents of the change contend it would allow more in-depth study and less hectic course loads. Because of the nature of the change, however, students would take fewer classes on fewer subjects. By contending that the five class system does not allow for in-depth understanding of topics, the four-by-four proponents fail to embrace the concept of interconnected knowledge. A student taking a political science class on the Middle East will be greatly aided by a knowledge of Islam. Under the current system, such connections are possible with a religion class. The four-by-four plan, on the other hand, would trim the spectrum of course loads available to students often at the detriment of these kinds of peripheral, yet valuable, connections.

The four-by-four system could also prove to be detrimental to students' future plans. To be qualified for many fields, a tangible grasp of a broad information base is much more helpful than specialized information. The current system provides students the opportunity to build that base.

More than ever, such hassles seem unnecessary. The five-class system also allows for more electives than its four-class alternative. While the difference in actual number of classes may be small, the freedom these represent is significant. The five-class system allows students to experiment in different elective subjects without being expected to devote the amount of in-depth study as majors in that field would. The four-by-four system does not have this benefit.

The five-class, three-credit system allows students the room for exploration while providing opportunities for serious study at the same time. The four-by-four system would constrict this academic curiosity. It is just not worth it.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scoreboard

As a rabid fan of GW volleyball and a founding member of the volleyball fan club, the GWVB Road Kills, I am extremely displeased and concerned with the new scoreboard installed in its Smith Center last weekend. Sure, if GW is going to improve its programs and facilities to the level of a Division I power, we should start by putting a professional-style scoreboard in the Smith Center. However, I disagree with the incredibly selfish decision on the part of the Athletic Department and the Smith Center to put in such an enormous scoreboard. In their eternal fixation with men's and women's basketball, the University chose to ignore another potential national powerhouse sports team on campus — a team that has a record of 23-5 overall and 8-0 in the Atlantic 10. The new scoreboard hangs a few feet below the NCAA-mandated height for a volleyball ceiling, potentially causing major changes to game strategy and play. I really don't understand the University's blatant disrespect of the volleyball team in favor of a pricey concession to the all-important basketball teams. I realize that no one in the administration really cares about volleyball but before making decisions with such wide-ranging implications in the future, I hope that University officials will remember this sad situation.

-Marc Lancaster

Scoreboard II

On Monday, Nov. 2, thousands of concerned individuals gathered in the Smith Center to hear President Trachtenberg and others address the University community at the beginning of Unity Week. Those in attendance got an early glimpse of the new scoreboard being installed in the main arena.

We have received much favorable reaction and some concern about this new, state-of-the-art piece of equipment. This letter allows us to respond to

those who have asked questions.

The new scoreboard replaces an older one which was in need of repair and / or replacement. Because of our longstanding relationship with the Coca-Cola Corporation, we were able to enter an agreement whereupon Coke purchased the scoreboard in return for advertising rights in the facility. GW gets a great piece of equipment at no cost.

Secondly, a number of inquiries were directed at the size of the scoreboard and whether it will interfere with competition. The scoreboard has not yet been hoisted to its final level, nor has a section of advertising space — which will not be used — been removed. Once this is done, the scoreboard will actually ascend to a height above its predecessor. Obviously, we don't anticipate any disruptions to any of the varied activities that take place in the arena.

Over the last few years we have made several significant improvements to the Smith Center. A new floor, new seating, enhanced lighting, the scoreboard, along with a vastly improved sound system, are all additions that will continue to make the Smith Center a first-class facility for years to come. All these efforts were funded by corporate sponsorships, private donations and income from athletic and recreational endowments.

We expect that the new scoreboard will be totally installed and fully operational by Nov. 20, the first men's and women's basketball doubleheader. Don't forget to come to these games and, please, enjoy the Smith Center and our wonderful teams.

-Steve Bilsky

-executive director, athletics and recreation

-Michael N. Peller

-director, athletic and recreational facilities

Women beware

As the campus focuses on Unity Week, there is one group that I would

like to ensure is not overlooked, the women leaders on campus.

There are only a handful of student leaders at GW who are women, and speaking from a great deal of personal experience, we face many obstacles. If you are strong and independent you may be called a "bitch," or become the subject of rumors. Last year when I was a candidate and the only woman in a field of nine running for SA president, I was accused of "sleeping around for votes." Although I had made many contributions to student life, above all producing the Academic Evaluation, the legitimacy of my candidacy was undermined. These rumors were only exacerbated by a "joke" in *The GW Hatchet* that was in rather poor taste and resulted in my receiving several "interesting" phone calls and a pair of men's boxer shorts placed in my SA box. By this time my sense of humor had worn thin and I chose to bring it to the attention of the administration. After my own experiences with the fourth floor, I have to warn any young woman who is contemplating running for an office at GW, you will be up against tremendous odds for society seems to have a hard time accepting women in leadership roles. I learned that the hard way.

Fortunately for me, having a mother who is a physician has given me a good role model and I am very lucky. I have no qualms in speaking my mind and know that those women who had offices in various GW groups today share that same quality, but they are the exception, not the norm. Our campus is almost equally half men and women. Why, then, are women so under represented in student life? I don't know. But I do know that facing the same obstacles on a daily basis can be very trying. The rumors persist and people still talk, but eventually you just have to ignore them. To those young women who are involved, I commend you. To those who are not, I urge you to run for an office if you so desire, but above all do not be afraid to make your voice heard.

-Monica Risam

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Racism runs deeper than words; ideology determines character

The George Washington University and the community at-large has witnessed yet another tragedy. Equally unfortunate is that I should involve myself with politics on a foreign land by writing this article. However, true justice and truth weep and cry out for representation, and for me to ignore their call would be even more tragic.

Student Association former President Mike Musante stands at the center of the heat for having perpetuated the wounds of racism by uttering a racial statement during the course of his duties. The truth of the matter is, as Mike himself admitted, that he was wrong. However, the situation has been misunderstood and to some degree distorted, not to mention that it has not been given careful consideration.

Mike has confessed and deeply regrets the incident. In spite of his courage to beg for mercy from our community, he has been given the red card, he has been portrayed as a racist and above all he has been considered an embarrassment, not only to GW, but to the American population as a whole. The administration has leapt to wipe clean the tarnish instilled upon the school. Proceedings, one after another have been held, aimed at both disassociating the school from the statement and relieving any tension that may have been cause.

Ndaba Gaolathe

It seems to me that most contend that Mike's forced resignation was justified yet the same people would not find it justified if I called for the resignation of all presidents, cabinet members and officials of all institutions upon the face of this Earth. Imperfection is an innate characteristic (in all of us) and no one can claim infallibility. Furthermore, no one can claim that racism, true racism for that matter, is worse than class discrimination or any other vice in human endeavour. Yes, racism has a painful past, but so does poverty, among other things. For all I know, should Mike have made the derogatory statement about the poor, he would still be president. Why?

Racial sensitivity masks hypocrisy

Amid recent controversy about former Student Association President Mike Musante, the GW community has deemed Mr. Musante a racist. He is not a racist. Although his comment was quoted in context, the perception of that comment by the GW community is misdirected. Mr. Musante's dislike for former SA presidential candidate Will Griffin stemmed from previous interactions between them, not a dislike for black Americans. Further, Mr. Musante, I assume, does not advocate segregating black Americans from non-black Americans through such measures as affirmative action or those aimed at creating a perceived African culture for black Americans who already enjoy American culture (which an African studies department would do).

Many Americans, including black Americans, prefer to look to people with unity in mind like Martin Luther King Jr. or Abraham Lincoln for their American culture instead of segregationists like Louis Farakhan or Malcolm X who, according to Alex Haley's interviews, choose to create a religion and a culture that is for black people (hence the Nation of Islam).

This is Unity Week. We ought to take this time to stop all of the infighting and rejection and segregationism and realize that we are all a part of this country, America. We were born (or naturalized) into the greatest nation in the world, a nation under God. Our society should not encourage this us / them mentality that a minority faction within the black American subset wants to pursue. The

majority of black Americans and white Americans embrace our culture. We understand our past was littered with social injustices (not nearly so great as most other societies), and that a belief in our society has delivered us from those days. Do not let this idea of multiculturalist segregationism distort your views during Unity Week. We must determine, for ourselves, as members of society, what is best for society. We must decide

Craig B. Knight

the path we want society to follow. If we want segregationism, continue to listen to Ice-T or Public Enemy. If we want what is best for society, look back at history. Previous cultures existed, some died, but others preserved.

American order stems from belief in an ideology: There is a goal to be attained and that goal will benefit society as a whole. We each must determine what that goal is and pursue it. I don't believe that segregating society by race is an admirable goal and my convictions are very strong on that point, as were Mr. Musante's convictions against those of Mr. Griffin. Mr. Musante was outraged, I believe, by Mr. Griffin's objectives (those of that minority faction within the black American

True racism is intentional and is usually backed by an ideology. This is no theory for my fellow neighbors out in South Africa, who are subjects of the manacles of the ruthless South African apartheid system. This is no ordinary system, under which the African majority has been deprived from basic educational, social, economic, and political excellence. This system has been perpetuated for decades, and some of its perpetrators are not sorry. I am not convinced that Mike's utterance was part of an ideology nor am I convinced that it was intentional. To top it all, he is regretful and he pleads for mercy. Ladies and gentlemen, what kind of a "racist" is this?

Mike has selflessly dedicated his services toward the academic enhancement of student life at GW. He has contributed immensely to the school's development. Even more important, I am sure, is his adamant determination to serve the American people in the future. It would seem to me that politics of fear and convenience may curtail his aspirations. Who said even the greatest freedom fighters, say Martin Luther King Jr. or Steve Biko, were devoid of errors analogous to Mike's.

Much is at stake. I would like to challenge our morals and principles. Do we not realize that the world has become more complex than ever before? The exercise of vision, reason and faith (in God) has become urgent. Racism, true racism for that matter, is not the only manacle but one of countless. Our strife should not be to eradicate only racism but all other vices that plague our society. It is certainly more convenient to fight only racism especially since black power has escalated.

We have endorsed and forgiven corrupt leaders who are unrepentant, yet we despise and turn our backs when our own colleague begs for mercy. Are we genuinely trying to discourage racism? How come racism is our only concern among many? Are we really seeking to establish a more harmonious and just society, if so, what else have we stood up for?

Coffee African as I may be, I personally forgive Mike. I categorically assert that he is fit for the SA presidency. For us to do or think otherwise would be leaping into the painful past contrary to our efforts.

Ndaba Gaolathe is a sophomore majoring in economics and mathematics.

subset). Mr. Musante's disdain was directed at those convictions. He was angered by them at the time (as I am now) and he tried to find a term of disdain to apply to Mr. Griffin.

His use of the word nigger was inappropriate. That word is used to display hatred toward black people. Mr. Musante does not hate black people. He dislikes Mr. Griffin and the easiest term of dislike he could find for Mr. Griffin was "nigger." His dislike was based on ideological objections between him and Mr. Griffin and, since Mr. Griffin's campaign was based on his race, Mr. Musante felt a comment based on race was appropriate. It was not.

However, Mr. Musante resigned because he was termed a racist. He is not. I do not believe that he should have resigned. An apology directed at non-segregationist black people would have been fine. An apology to Mr. Griffin, however, is not necessary. Nor is to those black Americans who want to be considered Africans (such as Mr. Griffin). Mr. Musante spoke for all of us who want Unity when he rejected Mr. Griffin and his ideas. His language, however, was inappropriate and he admits that. Keep in mind, when Jesse Jackson called New York "Hymietown," reaction was much less emphatic than GW's reaction to Mr. Musante and, so far, Mr. Jackson has not yet apologized. How far will this "racial sensitivity" hypocrisy thing go?

Craig B. Knight is the chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom

CDs wrongly blasted in Iran rally article

We are writing in direct response to the article "Students protest administration's role in Iran-Contra arms deal" appearing in The GW Hatchet on Monday, Nov. 2. After reading this piece written by Hatchet Reporter Robert Ganz III, one is left with a pervading feeling that the College Democrats of GW are an apathetic, negative force with regard to both the Clinton-Gore election campaign and as a goal-oriented student organization. With this response, we sincerely hope to dispel any and all of these lingering doubts as to the purpose and orientation of this organization.

Mr. Ganz's article was primarily a news article reporting on a rally protesting President Bush's involvement in the Iran-Contra affair dating back to the Reagan administration. Mr. Ganz essentially described the rally as a small group of College Republicans and College Democrats from GW alongside larger groups of each of their parties carrying on the Democratic protest as well as a Republican rally on behalf of the Bush-Quayle ticket. This is true. Mr. Ganz also described the GW Republican contingent being superior in numbers to the GW Democratic group. This, we are sorry to say, is also true. The description of the event is accurate. The tone of the article however, is a gross misconception.

We would like to apologize to the Clinton-Gore campaign for not encouraging a larger group of general members to attend this event. This was an important rally, and if we would have known that this underrepresentation would be portrayed to such an unfavorable extent by our student media, we would have made every possible effort to send more people. However, in defense of the organization with which we have put so much time, energy, and love, we are obligated to state the fact that no, we are not "pitiful." Jacqueline Craig, a Clinton-Gore volunteer who had left her job for eight weeks, was quoted as saying this in Mr. Ganz's articles. We praise her sacrifice, but we must remind her of the facts. It must be understood that we are students, where we have academic obligations at the forefront of everything else that we do. In the middle of a Thursday, at the high point of most students' class and / or work days, there simply is little flexibility with which to give up time to attend a rally.

What has to be realized more than anything is that in the evening and weekend hours, the GW Democrats give an incredible amount of time and effort into activities such as phone banking, "get out the vote," voter registration, grass roots campaigning and general publicity through the Clinton / Gore office in the District as well as weekend campaign trips to New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire. To not mention that alongside the unfortunate deficiency in representation at one rally is completely unfair to the hardworking students who have sacrificed so much of their campus life in order to

do something that they sincerely believe in: elect the Clinton-Gore ticket.

With regard to our organization itself, we serve as a liaison for the Clinton-Gore campaign, however, we also are here to serve the interests of our general membership as well as the GW community with regard to the goals of democratic ideals and political awareness. To make statements such as "they can't do anything positive" and "all they can do is hold a negative campaign rally," both courtesy of College Republicans President Rachel Talbert is not just misinforming but entirely inaccurate. Aside from the tireless work that we do for the Clinton-Gore campaign and its subsidiaries, we have made good progress with regard to our campus agenda of reaching out to our student body. We have had positive rallies on campus, such as the Lynn Cutler / Sterling Henry event in mid-September, a voter registration drive at the end of September and an October month of politically aware program dealing in a non-partisan format with regard to relevant issues such as abortion rights, election campaign finance reform, federal

Susan Clark

Michael Niemeyer

disinvestment of young adults and federal government structure reform from within the Constitution. College Democrats directed more than 150 members of the GW community to a rally for Senator Gore in September, supported Governor Clinton at Montgomery Co. College, and participated in other local rallies here in the District on behalf of the Clinton-Gore ticket. Yes, it is a tribute to Ms. Talbert that she did bring more of her members to one Democratic rally, but can she really be justified in her general assertions of the GW College Democrats as a negative influence who do nothing outside supporting one campaign rally? The answer is an emphatic NO!

The College Democrats of GW are not a perfect organization, but we are an effective one. We have made excellent progress towards meeting our goals of 1) Serving our general membership as well as the GW student body as a liaison on behalf of the Democratic National Party and 2) Promoting general political awareness on campus. Even though we are sincerely apologetic for it, we do not deserve to be characterized as apathetic or a negative influence on campus because of our lack of attendance at one rally. If one looks at the "big picture" — what we have done with respect to reaching both of our main goals — we have absolutely nothing to be ashamed of.

Susan Clark is the president of the College Democrats and Michael Niemeyer is the Political Awareness Week chair of the College Democrats.

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Moshenberg said GW should clearly point out which classes are diversity-oriented. "We should have courses as an option rather than having students have to search for them," he added.

Beyond required courses, some

panelists said the University needs to train its professors to accurately and sensitively deal with diversity issues. "There are members of this faculty who are so far right they are fascists," Moshenberg said.

He called for the hiring of new scholars in all fields and suggested the administration examine the policies and requirements of other comparable schools such as American, Boston and New York universities for a judgment base.

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limit campaign contributions to \$100 for mayor, council chairman and councilman-at-large races. Furthermore, it would cap contributions for Ward and Board of Education races at \$50. This initiative passed by a 66 percent to 36 percent margin.

In Ward races, Democratic Council

member Jack Evans (Ward 2), John Ray (At-Large) and Independent William P. Lightfoot (At-Large) won reelection by significant margins.

Charlene Drew Jarvis (Ward 4), who had a tough fight in the Democratic primary, had little trouble defeating her competitors, Independent candidate Taalib-Din Ugdah and Republican candidate Paul V. Brown.

Former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry (Ward 8) also won, receiving 90 percent of the vote.

There were also six seats up for grabs

on the D.C. Board of Education. Incumbents Karen Shook (At-Large), Wilma Harvey (Ward 1) and Angie King Corley (Ward 5), came out winners.

Valencia Mohommand took the second open at-large seat. She unsuccessfully ran two years ago on a Afrocentric school program. This year, however, Mohommand concentrated on the issue of accountability.

GW School of Business and Public Management professor Dennis Holmes beat out the incumbent and won a seat on the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighbor-

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delayed loans for about 450 students. He added that the Office of Student Financial Assistance is aware of this delay and that these students will not be encumbered for spring registration.

He said another problem caused some students to accidentally be told their accounts were being turned over to a collection agency. He said the students in question should just have been encumbered.

Olmo confirmed that about 80 students did incorrectly receive such

notification. "These students won't be sent to a collection agency," he said. He added that all of these students should have been notified of the error by now. He also said there were many more than 80 such notices sent and that all except for those 80 were correct.

"It should take about two and one-half months to work out the main, visible problems," Chernak said. "It could take maybe another whole cycle to work out all of the bugs."

Olmo said Student Accounts is aware of the problems and should be able to easily clear up any problems which are brought to their attention. He said anyone who thinks their bill is incorrect should talk with someone at the Student Accounts office.

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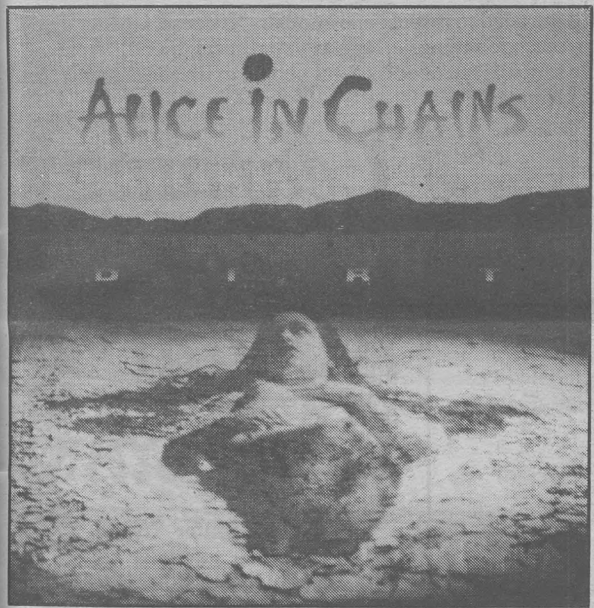
Alice in Chains locks onto Seattle grunge sound with latest offering

by Sarah Western

*Ode to Seattle
Your grunge bands are true
In flannel with DMs
And numbered so few.*

Alice in Chains is a cool band with cool things going for it. It hails from Seattle, which is unquestionably cool; they have the woman's-name-in-band's-name thing going for them, which is unusually cool and they play some seriously good music. And no one can deny the coolness of that.

Dirt (Columbia) is the second album from this grungy quartet consisting of Layne Staley and Jerry Cantrell growl-



Are the members of Alice in Chains suffering from taphophobia? You be the judge.

ing with voice and guitar, Mike Starr pulling the bass strings and Sean Kinney keeping time with the sticks. This album is more polished than the first release, *Facelift*, especially in terms of the vocals. The verses to most of Alice in Chains' songs are sung by Staley and Cantrell an octave apart. This is much clearer on *Dirt* — almost as if it was highlighted. So it's not as raw as the first album. But that doesn't mean the Alice in Chains ethos has changed at all.

Judging from their discography, the members of Alice in Chains appear to be obsessed with death and collectively suffer from taphophobia, the phobia of graves in general or, more specifically, the fear of being buried alive. What a wonderful topic for song. The overture to *Dirt* is a moody yet accepting song called "Them Bones." On *Facelift*'s "Man in the Box," they sang of being "buried in my shit." On the title song from *Dirt*, they sing, "You, you are so special / You have the talent to / Make me feel like dirt / And you, you use your / Talent to dig me under / And cover me with dirt."

Another one of Alice in Chains' favorite topics is mind-altering substances. "God Smack" puts the once widespread Seattle drug, heroin, to rest. "Now you know the reasons why / Can't get high, or you will die . . . So your sickness weighs a ton / And God's name is smack for some." But some things in moderation are just fine according to the "Junkhead." "If you let yourself go and opened your mind / I'll bet you'd be doing like me / And it ain't so bad / Say, I do it a lot!"

The other songs on the album deal with equally disturbing images. "Rooster" is about a man at war thinking about Gloria and Rooster Jr. at home while trying not to die. Alice in Chains even touches on insanity with "Sickman," a roller-coaster ride of tribal drums — "What the hell am I . . ." — bridges of sickly screams and solemn funereal overtones — "Can you see the end . . ." "Would," an example of the one tame song Alice in Chains puts on each album, also appears on the *Singles* soundtrack.

Don't be turned off by the disturbing images conjured up by this band. Somehow the group counteracts this negative aura and doesn't leave you feeling angry or depressed. So remember this much: Grunge is cool, Alice in Chains is grunge and therefore, Alice in Chains is cool. Buy it.

Band returns to scene with new name, LP

by Daniel Owen

Eugenius is the new and Marvel Comics-approved name for the British band that used to be Captain America. Also new is its debut album, the bizarrely titled *Oomalama* (Atlantic). For a band whose members generally sound as if they're making everything up as they go along, Eugenius has produced an above average first album.

The group has a typical British indie style, with loud, thumping electric guitars screaming out over a rapid, thumping beat. They're one of those bands where the vocals are about an eighth of a tone flatter than its instruments.

Where Eugenius rates better than the rest is its clarity, which allows its music and lyrics to surface above the rest of the noise. The lyrics are perceptive and varied, defying the trend for young British bands to be just suicidal.

If this band lacks anything it is that one spark of originality that makes the difference between a good album and a brilliant one. There is a certain feeling that none of this is particularly new. Nothing really leaps out of the speakers, grabs you by the collar and shakes you.

Few songs stand out on this album, and those that do sometimes do so for the wrong reason. The title track is a weird and dreary number, with the word "oomalama" chanted over and over again in a monotone voice. "Flame On" sacrifices the clarity possessed by the other song for sheer volume.

Other tracks do display more promise, however. There's the philosophical "I'm the Sun," the bright and fast-paced "Here I Go" and the slow, skilled guitar and strings tracks, "Indian Summer" and "Down On Me," by far the best song on the album.

Above all, *Oomalama* displays an enormous talent for simply generating good music. It has an impressive range of styles and paces. Most of the tracks have a rewarding punchiness that matches the rhythm of the lyrics. After all, anyone can pick up a guitar and make a noise, but when you can make out what the noise is supposed to be, then you have music. Eugenius have produced a quality example of this.



Relax, rejoice in Spiritualized's smooth Laser Guided Melodies

by Tina Plottel

During the past few weeks, we've been inundated with 60-second sound bites informing us that cheesy '70s rock is back in style. Politicians jamming with late-night talking heads isn't a big joke. Let's face it, we've been corrupted by exit polls, Fleetwood Mac and Kurt Loder. Luckily, the English band, Spiritualized, is dedicated — no pun intended — to rescuing us from the influences of secularization.

Laser Guided Melodies (Dedicated/BMG) is the first album released by this splinter group of Spacemen 3: Guitarist / vocalist Jason Pierce, guitarist Mark Refoy and percussionist John Matlock along with keyboardist E. Kate Radley and bassist Willie B. Carruthers. The result is a meditative effort firmly planted in the shoegazing tradition of Ride, Slowdive and My Bloody Valentine.

The band's '60s drug culture influences are clearly marked on several tracks on the album. Most of them feature string sections and mystical

keyboards complemented by iridescent, trance-like guitar riffs. The album's first two tracks, "You Know It's True" and "If I Were With Her Now" sound like the result of a Ny-Quil overdose induced by the members of Dead Can Dance.

"Run," the fourth track on *Laser Guided Melodies*, is a spawn of the Velvet Underground classic, "Run Run Run." The words are different and although the music is cliched and derivative, the song is smoother and more ethereal than Lou Reed ever expected.

Lyricaly, Spiritualized leaves much to the imagination. The words are mumbled in a Kevin Shields-like depersonalization. After listening to "I Want You" four times, I figured out that the third line of the song is "I want you to glide with the air," not "I want you to go to the A & P," as I had previously thought. I'm still not quite sure.

But, as Missing Persons declared in the early '80s, "What are words for?" The brilliance of *Laser Guided Melodies* is in the poetics of the harmonies, not in the blurred lyrics. Listening to the instrumentation is just as powerful as



any alcohol or drug-induced high, without the painful and nauseating side effects of a hangover.

As R. Hunter Gibson comments in the liner notes, Spiritualized's record is a breakthrough: "Like all great rock and roll it is about this weird old life — how it got you in its sway and makes some kind of sense. Turn off the TV, slip *Laser Guided Melodies* into your CD player, enjoy a relaxing cup of herbal tea and let Spiritualized's resiliency rain on your angst-ridden nerves."

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ARTIST	SONG
1. THE SUNDAYS	"LOVE"
2. 10,000 MANIACS	"THESE ARE THE DAYS"
3. PETER GABRIEL	"DIGGING IN THE DIRT"
4. SCREAMING TREES	"NEARLY LOST YOU"
5. R.E.M.	"DRIVE"
6. ALICE IN CHAINS	"THEM BONES"
7. MARY'S DANISH	"DEAR HERETIC"
8. SUGAR	"HELPLESS"
9. SONIC YOUTH	"100%"
10. NINE INCH NAILS	"HAPPINESS IN SLAVERY"
11. RAMONES	"POISON HEART"
12. SOUL ASYLUM	"SOMEONE TO SHOVE"
13. VASELINES	"LOVECRAFT"
14. MINISTRY	"NWO"
15. KITCHENS OF DISTINCTION	"4 MEN"
16. UTAH SAINTS	"SOMETHING GOOD"
17. NED'S ATOMIC DUSTBIN	"NOT SLEEPING AROUND"
18. MUDHONEY	"SUCK YOU DRY"
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20. WAX	"WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?"

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Community strives to define Unity Week

by Kati Gazella and Tracy Sisser
Hatchet Staff Writers

In light of the events of the past week, the GW community struggles to define its perspective of unity. The prevailing belief is that a racial consciousness must exist beyond this week as well as a desire for continued vigilance.

GW students predominantly express similar views. "Unity is an ideal," freshman Laina Jones said, adding that people should work toward respecting each other and "not infringing on others' rights."

George A. Harris III, a National Law Center student, said, "Unity is more than tolerance." He also said it is "people getting together to produce great things."

"It is essential that people accept differences instead of tolerating them. We're all united in the fact that we're all human beings," sophomore Sterling Washington said.

The events of last week have crystallized the fact that GW must address the issue of racism. At Monday's introduction to Unity Week, Program Board Vice Chair Jenn Wass said, "We must deal with this as an issue not as an incident."

Washington said Unity Week is twice as important because of the "unfortunate incident last week."

The goals of Unity Week are to promote cultural awareness and encourage diversity through educational programs, PB Multicultural Affairs Committee Chair MaryJo Maralit said. Whether or not the events will accomplish the goals is questioned by some students.

"People who would be attending (the events) would probably be aware of (racism)," first-year NLC student Rosa Jeong said.

"The country is moving forward (toward unity)," statistics Professor Sudip Bose said. However, not as much concerted effort exists now to move toward unity as there was during the 1960s. "With respect to civil rights legislation I'm not sure," Bose added.

Unlike the '60s, the '80s in general has promoted a get-all-you-can attitude," Harris said.

Students also stressed the need to respect one another. "It doesn't matter if you agree with what other people are saying, as long as you respect their differences," Wass said. Many people said it is not necessary for people to like one another, but to respect each other's rights.

Learning to coexist is vital, King says

by Jennifer Dye
Hatchet Staff Writer

Learning to live together is "essential to our national survival and progress," Yolanda King, the eldest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., said Monday evening in the Unity Week keynote speech.

King quoted her late father from a speech he made when he received the Nobel Peace Prize: "Though we have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the seas like fish, we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers and sisters."

She also spoke about the analogy of American society as a melting pot and said this description of America is incorrect. "People don't melt. Differences do not disappear," she said. The goal, she added, is not for everyone to be the same, but for people to make society accept a larger diversity.

"The real challenge, culturally speaking, has been, all along, how America could reflect more of us," she said, adding that racism comes from what people are taught. "Many things have been taught to us unconsciously and we must realize that the assumptions (people make) are often part of human nature and don't in and of themselves make us bad people."

King also discussed Christopher Columbus's discovery of America. "Columbus didn't discover diddley-squat. There are millions of Native Americans who have known for countless generations that what they were living on was land," she said at the event cosponsored by Program Board and the

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●A fraternity house resident reported a break-in at his house in the 2100 block of F Street between 5:30 and 11 p.m. The resident said hinges were removed from the lock on the door. Three dollars was reported missing. UPD did not release the fraternity's name.

Oct. 31

●Someone attempted to break into an alcohol storage area on the lower level of Lisner Auditorium.

Oct. 30

●A Strong Hall resident and an Adams Hall resident separately reported receiving obscene phone calls between 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m.

●An employee reported the theft of his totebag — containing a shaving kit and a University paycheck — from the Stuart Hall lobby at 9:05 p.m.

●A resident of Building JJ reported an attempted break-in at 8 p.m. and on Oct. 29 at 10 p.m.

●A student reported the theft of his bicycle — valued at \$600 — from outside the Smith Center between midnight and 5 p.m.

Oct. 29

●Three students reported being approached by a man who identified himself as an undercover UPD officer while they put up posters around campus at 12:30 a.m. The man said the students could not poster around campus. The students followed the suspect to the UPD office in Woodhull House. The subject asked for money, but allowed the students to leave when they told him they had no money. The subject was described as a medium weight, white male, 22 years old with brown hair and a pony tail, wearing a sport coat and jeans.

●A Rice Hall staff member and a Strong hall resident separately reported receiving obscene phone calls.

●A student reported the theft of his bicycle — valued at \$800 — from the front of Fungler Hall between noon and 12:45 p.m.

●A student reported the theft of his calculator — valued at \$100 — from the fifth floor of Gelman Library at 8:30 p.m. The student said he left his property unattended for 10 minutes.

Oct. 28

●Four thefts were reported: a bicycle from outside Stuart Hall between noon and 1 p.m. It was valued at \$485. A student's wallet from the men's locker room in Building K at about 8 a.m. — which contained \$70 cash, credit cards and personal items — and another wallet from Gelman Library which contained \$40 cash and identification. Also, several items were reported stolen from a fraternity house on the 600 block of 21st Street between 9 and 10 a.m., including a mountain bike, \$30, a watch and a calculator. UPD did not release the name of the fraternity.

Oct. 27

●A student reported the theft of her credit card holder from Lerner Hall. The holder contained several credit cards and two blank checks, and was stolen between 3 and 4 p.m.

-Elissa Leibowitz

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Phone book delayed 'til spring

by Doug Morris
Hatchet Reporter

The Student Association is in the process of soliciting contracts with publication companies to produce the student phone directory, but SA Vice President for Public Affairs Jeff Eshelman said the book will not be available until spring semester.

In recent years, the SA, in conjunction with The GW Hatchet and the Office of Campus Life, has published a directory listing all GW students' addresses and phone numbers during the fall semester. This year, however, such a directory may not be published until the spring because of the difficulties with finding a publisher.

For the last two years, the Hatchet has participated in the creation of the directory as a publisher: designing the layout, soliciting advertisers and printing the book. Last spring, however, Hatchet General Manager Steven Morse decided the student publication could no longer afford to continue assisting the SA, citing lack of profitability. "We basically made no money. And when you consider the amount of work it takes to put that book together, it just made no sense (to continue)," Morse said.

Morse also said last spring that then president-elect Mike Musante and his Chief of Staff Bill Baroni were

notified by OCL that the Hatchet would not publish the directory. OCL Associate Director Liz Panyon said she met with Musante shortly after his victory in the election last spring to discuss other publishing options.

Panyon said she felt the reason it has taken so long to launch this project is that those who have worked on the book in the past are no longer working with it. "The knowledge from the past was lost and they have to start fresh (this year)," she added.

Eshelman said he was recently contacted by Chuck Silverston, a GW graduate, who now operates Silverston Enterprises, a publishing company. Silverston, who published The Guide — a book of coupons and directory of area businesses, expressed interest in publishing the directory as a combination of a phone directory and a guide to the city. "We wanted something different this year. Other schools incorporate other things into their phone books, and we want to try it out this year," Eshelman said.

Panyon said she had not heard of this new publishing option, and it is unorthodox for the SA to enter into any contract negotiations without the advice and consent of OCL, which is in charge of student publications.

CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

JIN focuses attention on Japanese culture

by Iffat N. Chowdhury
Hatchet Reporter

Voted one of the five most active student organizations on campus last year, the Japanese Intercultural Network brings together various people from different backgrounds to learn more about Japanese culture.

Sixty percent of JIN's membership is non-Japanese, a testimony to the accessibility of the organization to everyone, said Vice President Brian Greenberg, JIN's first non-Japanese officer. JIN is able to break stereotypes and foster better understanding between all the people of GW, Program Director Yoshie Imai added.

The group was founded by two GW students in 1989 when its members were mostly Japanese. In 1990, membership opened to all students who were inter-

ested in learning more about Japanese culture. Greenberg said he encourages everybody to join and explore Japanese culture.

The JIN-sponsored Tea Time helps break down barriers, Imai said. The program brings members together to learn more about the Tea Ceremony, origami, calligraphy and to "learn to speak slang" in Japanese, Imai added. Other Tea Time activities include viewing Japanese movies.

JIN also sponsors Partners in Language Exchange in which members help each other translate Japanese into English and vice versa. In addition, the organization offers a tutoring service for students needing help in Japanese.

Other activities include the third annual Asian Express which will be held in the Marvin Center Ballroom from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Nov. 6. The dance is a fundraiser for UNICEF and has raised \$6,000 in the last two years, JIN President Tomoki Hannya said, adding that this year's goal is \$2,500.

Another upcoming event is Japan Night, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Marvin Center Ballroom. The evening's activities will feature free food and Japanese cultural events.

JIN members participated in a panel discussion last year dealing with the relationship between the United States and Japan.

Membership is open all year and costs \$5 per semester or \$9 per year.

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Office of Campus Life.

She said people must recognize mistakes made in the past. "This nation will never cure racism until it deals with the most painful errors in its history," King added.

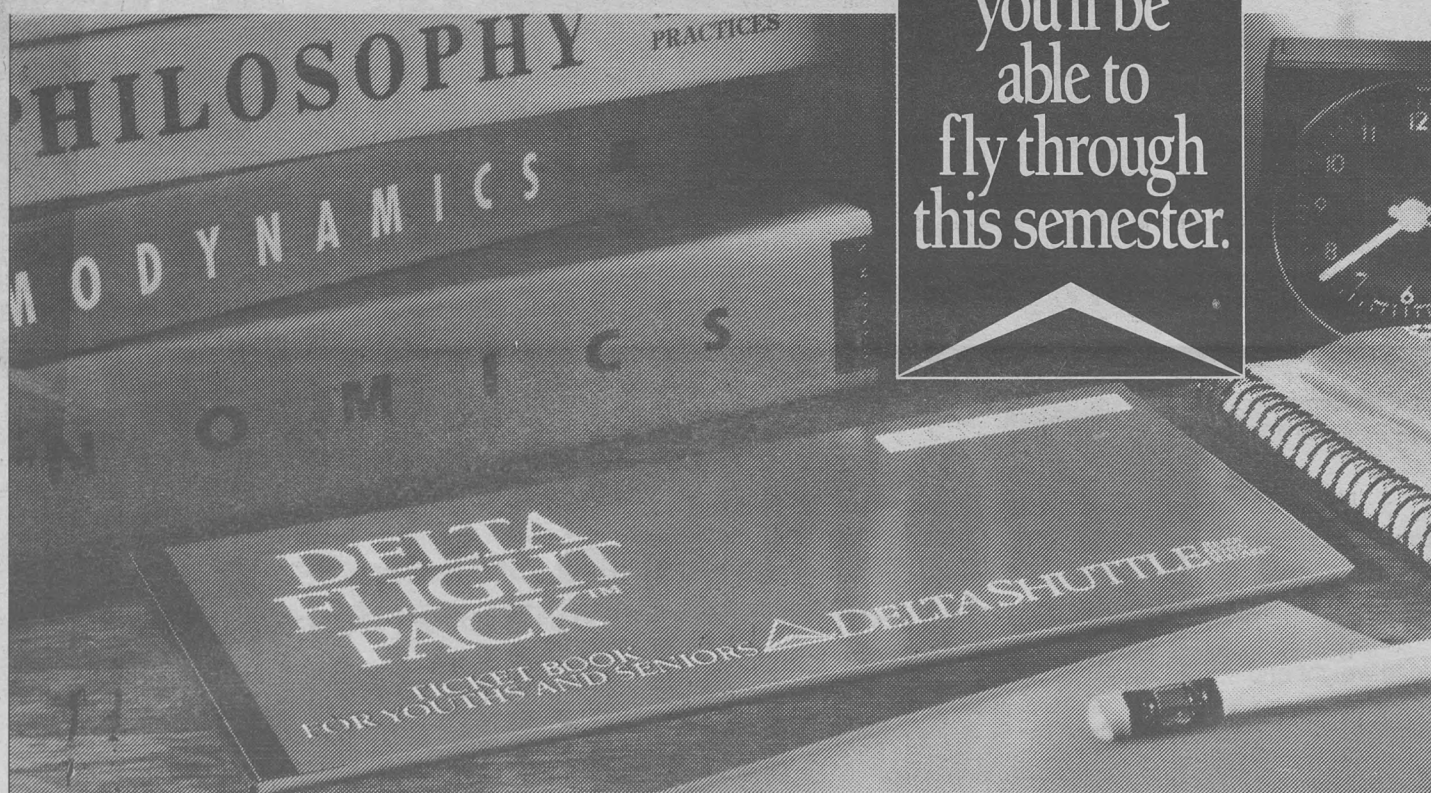
King received much applause when she discussed the need for a multicultural curriculum. "Any institution that is serious about doing its part ensuring that we live in a society where people respect diversity should require all students to take at least one course in ethnic studies and multiculturalism."

She said most textbooks exclude much of the real culture of our country. "A Eurocentric perspective of history and culture continues to dominate and short change the cultural fabric of our community," King said.

While taking questions from the audience after her speech, she explained the Los Angeles riots and said, "We needed to be jarred into some kind of an awakening." She added that maybe what has happened at GW recently will also cause a kind of awakening.

King advised the audience on how to react if someone makes a racial slur. "Move from the idea that the person is nasty or evil, but is uninformed," she said.

She added there is much college students can do to fight discrimination. "In every nook and cranny of college life you can make a difference, but you must get up off your apathy and get to it."



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SPORTS

Men's soccer rounds out season with shorthanded 3-1 triumph

by Becky Heruth

Asst. Sports Editor

Even with six starters missing in action, the GW men's soccer team defeated Navy 3-1 Tuesday at Francis Field to end its regular season. The Colonials (9-4-6 overall, 5-0-2 A-10) have won five of their last six games to halt their streak of ties earlier in the year.

Injuries continued to plague the midfield and defense. Defender Van Martin is the newest player to join the bench, breaking his leg in Tuesday's game. With 15 minutes left in the match, Martin went down after he tried to tackle the ball from a Navy player.

"It was an accident," GW head coach George Lidster said. "It was a 50-50 ball. This really brings home the kind of injuries you get. A broken leg is a common occurrence in soccer."

Defender Seth Morrison was out because of a broken nose he received in the West Virginia game. Another injured defender, Bill Lamb, received 16 stitches after Friday's game against Massachusetts but still played.

Goalkeeper Robert Christian, midfielders Moises Reyes, Stefan Triandafilou, Marcelo Valencia and forward Miguel Reyes — who was named A-10 "Player-of-the-Week" — also did not take part Tuesday. "The conditions were heavy since the ground crew had just worked on it," Lidster said. "They are not physical players. The conditions were so bad and it was three days before the A-10. It was just too big of a risk in terms of injuries. It was a decision we had to make."

Although they were low on players, the Colonials gave Navy no chance to get comfortable with the hard conditions at Francis Field. GW took control of the game right from the start, scoring its first goal at 1:07 as defender Werner Dasbach put the ball in on a free kick.

"It was senior day, so it was important for us to win," Lidster said. "It was great to see Werner score."

With less than six minutes left of the first period, Navy managed to score off a free kick to deadlock the game 1-1. This was Navy's only goal in the game, although they had a combined 15 shots on goal, compared to 10 by the Colonials.

GW took control of the second half. At 83:06, forward Stephen Masten took a shot on goal, but the ball was deflected back onto the field and midfielder Nashir Idris scored off a rebounded shot.

Masten did not give up, however. Unsatisfied with just an assist, Masten had a breakaway to score only two minutes later, putting GW up 3-1. Navy was unable to create a comeback, as GW won 3-1.

"Masten worked hard. He hit a dry spot earlier. It was good to see him score again," Lidster said. "We did very well considering that Navy held no players back," he added. "I was pleased to see some of the players who don't get much time play tremendously well."

Goals — The Colonials head to the A-10 Championships this weekend in Piscataway, N.J. as the No. 1 seed. They play West Virginia Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

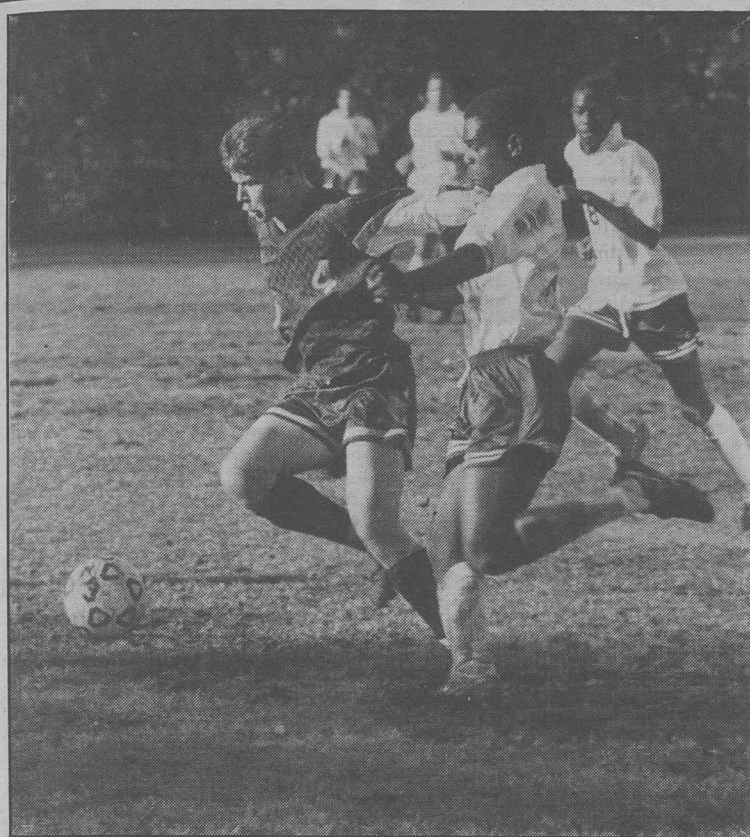


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Navy could not hold Stephen Masten from scoring Tuesday.

Colonials aim to break barriers to shine at Atlantic 10 tournament

by Becky Heruth

The GW men's soccer team heads into the Atlantic 10 Conference Championships this weekend as the top seed after clinching the regular season title with an undefeated record for the first time in conference history.

Joining GW (9-4-6, overall, 5-0-2 in the league) in the field at Piscataway, N.J. will be second seed Rutgers (10-7-3, 4-1-2 in A-10 play), third seed Massachusetts (9-6-3, 4-2-1) and West Virginia, who is ranked fourth (8-6-2, 4-3-0 A-10).

The Colonials face WVU in the Friday opener while RU and UMass

play in the day's second game. The winners play in league final Sunday at 2 p.m.

GW can hopefully continue its winning season with its number-one seed, but barriers must be overcome for the team to win its first A-10 Championship and receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Recent injuries may leave the squad shorthanded and hinder the team's efforts this weekend. The late injury of defender Van Martin, who broke his leg against Navy Tuesday, leaves many questions.

"We haven't decided how we're going to shape the team. With Van out,

we need to reshuffle," GW head coach George Lidster said. "We're really going to miss him. He was a solidifying force."

"Hopefully bad things come in threes," he added, referring to Martin's broken leg, Seth Morrison's broken nose, and Bill Lamb's stitches, all of which occurred in the past five days.

Superstition may also play a part, because GW has never advanced to the final round, although the team has participated in all five tournaments. Last year, the Colonials — seeded second going into the A-10 tournament — fell in the first round to Rhode Island 1-0. URI did not make it much further, though, as Rutgers crushed the Rams 6-0 in the final to get the automatic bid to the NCAA's.

Also, GW has yet to defeat Rutgers in conference history. The two teams deadlocked 2-2 early in the season. The Scarlet Knights lost its only A-10 match this season to Temple 2-1. Lidster says he will not worry about Rutgers yet, as the team prepares to play the first round Friday.

The Colonials do have one advantage because they have already defeated their opening opponent and a possible foe. GW romped over WVU 4-1 Sunday as Marcelo Valencia and Miguel Reyes scored two goals each.

Earlier in the weekend, the Colonials defeated the Minutemen. Friday's game against UMass was a continuation of an earlier match canceled because of lightning. Down 2-1, GW scored two more goals in the second half to pull off a 3-2 victory.

"Sometimes that is not always a good thing, beating WVU a weekend before," Lidster said. "We need to stay focused."

"We are not very deep. We have to work out what we are going to do and practice it on Friday," he added. "Right now the momentum is with us. The players need to step up a notch and fill in."



photo by Dave Jackson

Derk Droze and GW hope not to be tripped up at the A-10s.

Sports Brief

Last place is not always as bad as it seems. This is the attitude of the GW golf team, who scored a 634 overall to finish 21st out of 21 teams at the 13th Annual Old Dominion / Seascape Collegiate Invitational in Kitty Hawk, N.C. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

"It didn't surprise me in the least," GW head coach Keith Betts said. "The reason why we came in last is that all of the best teams in the nation were there. This is a very prestigious tournament."

The first round of the invitational Saturday and the second round Sunday were added together for the final scores. East Tennessee State

University (580) placed first, the University of North Carolina (584) took second and Ball State University (584) ended third.

"It was a tremendous opportunity for the players," Betts said. "It exposed them to the national level of play. A lot of these players are bordering on being professionals."

Leading the Colonials were Scott Lutz, Scott Allen and Ken Tyrrell, all tying with an overall score of 158. Bobby Snyder helped out with 160.

The Colonials are now off for the winter and will continue their season in March with a tournament schedule.

-Becky Heruth

Fall Sports Statistics

MEN'S SOCCER

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Stephen Masten	12	5	31
Marcelo Valencia	7	12	26
Moises Reyes	6	4	16
Miguel Reyes	4	5	13

WOMEN'S SOCCER

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Beth Rife	9	7	25
Crissie Snow	6	2	14
Cara Eichenlaub	5	4	14
Amy Sellers	4	1	9

VOLLEYBALL

PLAYER	KILLS	ASSISTS	SERVICE ACES	DIGS
Svetlana Vtyurina	560	7	48	207
Brenda Paz Solan	149	8	31	182
Stefanie Francis	183	44	35	110
Liz Martin	119	22	21	260
Tracy Webster	67	977	20	244
Khuong Ta	15	158	2	93

Bold numbers indicate category leader.

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